



SUMMARY

Johnston County Transportation Advisory Committee

March 23, 2009 - 3:00 PM,
Land Use Center - Conference Room
Smithfield, North Carolina

Attendees:

Voting Member

- Tony Braswell, TAC Chairman, County Commissioner
- William Massengill, Town of Benson
- Sandy Lee, Town of Four Oaks
- Norman Johnson, Town of Smithfield
- Peter Wilson, Town of Wilson's Mills
- Rich Cregar, Community Member At-Large
- Frank Price, Community Member At-Large
- Loretta Byrd, Benson Chamber of Commerce
- Marlene Hill, Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce

Non-Voting Member

- Richard Douglas, Town of Selma
- Rick Hester, Johnston County
- Leighanna Worley, Town of Wilson's Mills

Other Participants

- Daniel Van Liere, Upper Coastal Plain RPO
- Sarah Ezzell, NC DOT Planning Branch
- Scott Walston, NC DOT Planning Branch
- Tim Little, NC DOT District Engineer
- Jeremy Smith, Town of Benson
- Ryan Simons, Town of Selma
- Mark Helmer, Town of Smithfield
- Fleta Byrd, Town of Wilson's Mills
- Chris Johnson, Downtown Smithfield Development
- Michelle Samios, Greater Cleveland Chamber of Commerce
- Cookie Pope, County Commissioner
- Lanny Thomas, Cleveland Community Resident
- Don Williford, Cleveland Community Resident
- Linwood Jones, Cleveland Community Resident
- Billy Sugg, School Bus Garage
- Jason Hamilton, Ramey Kemp Associates
- Ann Williams, Johnston County Schools
- Berry Gray, Johnston County Planning

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Commissioner Tony Braswell - TAC Chair)

Commissioner Tony Braswell welcomed the attendees. Mr. Berry Gray provided a brief overview of the CTP and introduced the DOT officials

2. Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Mr. Scott Walston and Ms. Sarah Ezzell, both with NCDOT Planning Branch, gave a powerpoint overview of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan so that all members

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would be familiar. Cooperation from all towns was asked for. It was suggested by Commissioner Tony Braswell and decided by the Committee that a smaller steering committee consisting of one representative from each town and one from the county would be selected to assist DOT in development of the plan.

3. Roadway Improvement Projects for the New Cleveland High School

Mrs. Ann Williams, Johnston County Schools, provided the committee with an overview of the traffic improvements being proposed by the Board of Education. She stated that NCDOT had additional requirements which the Board of Education had concerns with especially related to increased cost.

Mr. Tim Little, NCDOT District Engineer, explained the role of DOT's Congestion Management and his office and explained the need for the requested improvements.

Mr. Laney Thomas expressed his concern with the potential traffic congestion caused by the new High School. He also stated that traffic to the school would not flow well unless Barber Mill Road was extended to the south to Polenta Road.

Mr. Linwood Jones stated that a commercial development road was proposed to the south to end at the school property with the potential for gating but was rejected. Mrs. Williams expressed her concern with this type of plan.

Mr. Tony Braswell asked that Frank Price chair a committee consisting of Linwood Jones, Laney Thomas, Board of Education, and other interested individuals to come up with an alternative solution. Commissioner Cookie Pope stated that she would be glad to help as well.

4. US 70 Corridor Plan

Mr. Berry Gray provided an overview of the Super 70 Commission and updated the commission on the Legislative Breakfast. Mayor Wilson, Wilson's Mills expressed his concern with the proposals to eliminate street connections to US 70.

5. RPO Update

Mr. Daniel Van Liere, UCP RPO, updated the commission on the RPO and introduced himself as the new RPO planner.

6. Other Business

None.

7. Adjourn --- The Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.